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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Next liquor training course October 13**

*Training required for businesses that sell liquor*

The Branson Finance Department will be holding another "Responsible Alcohol Selling" class on Thursday, October 13, for servers, cashiers and bartenders. This training is required of all businesses selling liquor in the city of Branson or businesses that are in the process of obtaining a liquor license.

The session begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of Branson City Hall, 110 West Maddux.

The Community Partnership of the Ozarks conducts the liquor training, which lasts about 1½ hours. The cost is \$5 per person, payable at the time of the training.

It's recommended that persons wanting to attend the session call the Community Partnership of the Ozarks at 417-888-2020 to reserve seating.

Under city code, liquor license holders are required to provide alcohol education programs for all servers, bartenders and cashiers that sell alcohol beverages within 60 days of their hire date and every two years thereafter. The managing officer at each business is also required to maintain, at the liquor licensed location, a list of servers, cashiers and bartenders, their hire dates and the last dates of their attending an alcohol selling class.

The intent is to have more responsible sellers of alcohol to minimize the risks of selling to underage and intoxicated buyers.

For additional information on the training or the liquor ordinance, contact Carl Garrett, Branson's supervisor of licensing and tax compliance, at 417-337-8575.